

# Atlanta

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Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and who become lifelong leaders in the effort to expand opportunity for children.

Today, nearly one hundred sixty of the nation's top recent college graduates are teaching in fifty nine public schools in the lowest-income areas of Atlanta as part of Teach For America.

These Atlanta corps members and over 400 local alumni are part of a national Teach For America community twelve thousand strong.



These 160 determined and committed individuals work relentlessly to achieve dramatic gains in student achievement for nearly 15,000 students in Atlanta. Principals throughout Atlanta attest to the impact of having Teach For America's corps members in their schools; 100% of Atlanta principals with corps members in their schools report that having corps members among the faculty is advantageous and that they would fill future teaching vacancies with Teach For America corps members.

Two hundred sixty individuals have served as Teach For America corps members in Atlanta since 2000. Seventy percent of Atlanta alumni returned to teach in an Atlanta Public School for a third year. Among the remaining 30 percent, many apply the insight they gained from their experience teaching to lead the way for long-term educational reform. All three of the KIPP charter schools in Atlanta were founded by Teach For America alumni. Others work as school administrators and lead nonprofit organizations to redress the systemic lack of resources and opportunities they experienced first-hand in their schools and classrooms.

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"What attracted us to Teach For America was its unique combination of visionary leadership and measurable achievements. The organization has a broad mission that focuses on building a long-term movement, rather than settling for addressing short-term needs. And Teach For America backs its image with specific, measurable objectives and documented results."

-Ken Thompson, CEO, Wachovia Corporation

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ATLANTA CORPS

- Average GPA: 3.5
- Average SAT score: 1310
- Held leadership roles on campus: 93%
- People of color: 52%

CORPS MEMBERS & STUDENTS REACHED

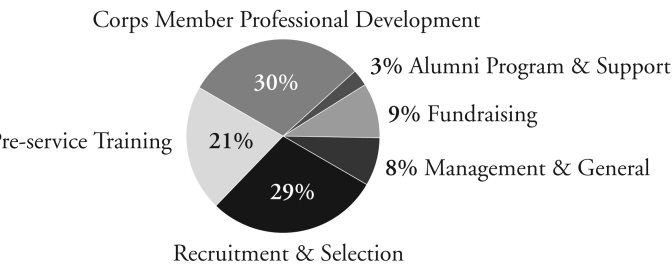
	CORPS MEMBERS	STUDENTS REACHED
2004	156.....	13,260
2005	160.....	13,600
2006	215.....	18,275
2005 and 2006 estimates are based on recruitment projections		

ATLANTA: REVENUE NEEDS

2005	Corporations: 18 percent
	Foundations: 38 percent
	Individuals: 16 percent
	Public Funds: 28 percent
	Total 2005 revenue needs are \$1.7 million

COST PER CORPS MEMBER

It costs Teach For America about \$10,000 to fund each corps member for one year.



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“The Teach For America corps members at this school are wonderful. They are bright, enthusiastic, and extremely committed ... I wish I had at least ten more just like them.”

-Dr. Doris Creecy-Waters, Principal, South Atlanta High School